

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 NATO 03872 231449Z
ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 W
-----231453Z 006441 /43

O 231444Z MAY 77
FM USMISSION NATO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3751
INFO AMEMBASSY BERLIN IMMEDIATE
USCOB BERLIN IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY BONN IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
AMEMBASSY PARIS

S E C R E T NATO 03872

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, NATO, PGOB, WB, GE, GW, US, UK, UR, FR
SUBJECT: SOVIET APPROACH ON ALLIED FLAG TOURS: NATO
BRIEFING

REF: BONN 8624

1. IT APPEARS FROM RECENT TRAFFIC THAT NATO ALLIES WILL SOON BE AWARE OF DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING ALLIED ACCESS RIGHTS TO EAST BERLIN, AND THEY MAY NOT DEFER INQUIRIES UNTIL THE BONN GROUP HAS DEVELOPED A FULL BRIEFING. IF WE SHOULD RECEIVE INQUIRIES FROM ALLIES REGARDING BERLIN, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE IN A POSITION TO SAY AT LEAST THAT PROBLEMS HAVE ARISEN WITH REGARD TO ALLIED PATROLS AND THAT A SPECIAL BRIEFING ON THESE DEVELOPMENTS IS BEING PREPARED FOR PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE WOULD ALSO PROPOSE A BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT PREPARED BY THE BONN GROUP AND MADE BY THE QUADRIPARTITE SPOKESMAN TO THE NAC ON MAY 25 TO THE SAME EFFECT.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 NATO 03872 231449Z

2. SUCH AN APPROACH, IF TAKEN EARLY, WILL LIKELY FORESTALL DEEPER PROBING, MINIMIZE POSSIBLE EMBARRASSMENT, DEMONSTRATE OUR DESIRE TO KEEP THE OTHER ALLIES INFORMED OF IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN BERLIN, AND MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE QUADRIPARTITE POWERS TO MAINTAIN THE SUPPORT OF THE OTHER ELEVEN. WHILE AN INCOMPLETE INITIAL ANSWER TO

ALLIED QUERIES MAY NOT BE FULLY SATISFYING, WE BELIEVE
THE ALLIES ARE AWARE OF THE SENSITIVITY OF BERLIN PROBLEMS
AND WILL BE WILLING TO AWAIT THE PROMISED FULL BRIEFING.
3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE SUGGEST THAT BONN GROUP BE ASKED
TO PROVIDE THEIR NATO DELEGATIONS WITH (A) TEXT FOR CO-
ORDINATED RESPONSE TO POSSIBLE ALLIED INQUIRIES ON BERLIN
DEVELOPMENTS AND (B) TEXT OF BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT OF
PROMISED FULL BRIEFING FOR USE BY QUADRIPARTITE SPOKES-
MAN AT MAY 25 NAC. BENNETT

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PFOR, PGOB, WB, GW
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 23-May-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 22 May 2009
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977NATO03872
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: RR
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: n/a
Format: TEL
From: NATO
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770526/aaaaawgo.tel
Line Count: 71
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Message ID: 93d7568b-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: 77 BONN 8624
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2399521
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SOVIET APPROACH ON ALLIED FLAG TOURS: NATO BRIEFING
TAGS: GE, US, UK, UR, FR, NATO
To: SECSTATE WASHDC BERLIN MULTIPLE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/93d7568b-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009